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For **ZERO VALUE-DETECTING CIRCUIT**

Enclosed are:

[ X ] 3 sheets of drawings ( [ X ] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).  
[ X ] 18 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.  
[ X ] 21 total pages

- [ ] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney  
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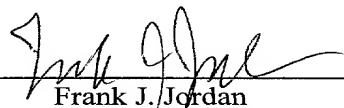
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- ☒ Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following applications under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of which certified copies ☐ will follow ☒ are enclosed ☐ have been filed in the International Bureau ☐ were filed in prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Japan Patent Application No. 2000-259036, filed August 29, 2000.**

- ☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
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